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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: EGYPTIAN INVITATION TO ERITREA  
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Classified By: Minister Counselor for Economic and Political Affairs Do nald A. Blome for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

1. (C) On August 24, OMC officers delivered reftel points to MG Ahmed Moataz, Chief of the U.S. Liaison Branch at the Ministry of Defense. Moa
2. (C) OMC stressed our strong objections to allowing Eritrean participation. Moataz suggested that certain "obstacles" could be used to preve
3. (C) Post will continue to follow-up with MOD and will raise the issue at higher levels if needed. Tueller